

## ONE MAN'S OPINIONS

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**Why Prices Rise.**—The beef trust will probably keep on jumping the price of meat on the theory that the demand exceeds the supply.

There will be a great need of American meat in the war countries, because they haven't enough of their own, and, besides, all the European butchers have gone to war.

But famine prices are being charged for everything over there, and foreign prices will regulate the prices the trust will have to charge us folks here at home.

Of course, we all know that no matter what the demand for American meat or what prices our foreign brothers are willing to pay, still we can't ship the meat to them because foreign ships are tied up and we haven't enough of our own.

So the only thing left for the beef trust to do is to soak us for what the foreigners would pay if they could get it.

I hope this makes clear just how the high cost of living is regulated by the law of supply and demand.

**Patriotism.**—Cancer and tuberculosis reap their daily crop, but there are times in the foolishness of men when the world's most deadly disease is patriotism.

It is most fatal to the common people, seldom endangering the lives of rulers.

When the common people have it they fervently fight for their native land, but they don't get their native land even if they win. They merely go back and work on it all the harder and pay higher taxes to pay for the cost of the patriotic fight.

If the people who work the land were to fight for it themselves they would have to fight their rulers—and that wouldn't be patriotism. That would be rebellion, insurrection or something equally shocking.

Sometimes it is very profitable to rulers to have their slaves go crazy with patriotism; for then the slaves can be depended upon to fight for their rulers instead of for themselves and their families.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

**Editor Day Book:**—Will you kindly come to the rescue of the small business man in Nootbaar's district. Now that he is satisfied that he has driven all the women in the district to the woods he has started on a campaign to oust the small sign on our sidewalk. Why all this sudden agitation? Why didn't he do the same in the 35th st. district?

Business is bad enough as it is without giving us a chance to advertise our wares.—A Constant Reader.

INDISPENSIBLE



"So Willie Smith is captain of your team? I suppose he is your best player, then?"

"Naw. But he owns the bat."

When ironing it is a very good plan to get a clean brick, a white one if possible, as a stand. The iron will retain heat much longer than if an open iron stand be used.